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SUBJ: "M. KISSINGER HAS ACCOMPLISHED HIS MISSION" SAYS "ELIMA"

1. GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA OF FEB 5 CARRIES FRONT PAGE FEATURE BY ELIMA CORRESPONDENT IN FRANCE UNDER HEADLINE "FINALLY, A GLIMMER OF HOPE... M. KISSINGER HAS ACCOMPLISHED HIS MISSION."

2. ALTHOUGH ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT "WHAT IS LEFT TO DO IS IMMENSE AND DIFFICULT", THE "WILL TOWARD PEACE HAS HIS (KISSINGER'S) CONTAGIOUS DYNAMISM".

3. CALLING SEC KISSINGER'S WORK IN MIDEAST "A MODEL OF PRAGMATIC ACTION", ARTICLE EMPHASIZES THAT FUTURE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL MUST "TAKE ACCOUNT OF OTHER FACTORS" BESIDES MILITARY CONDITIONS--FOR EGYPT, THE " MAINTENANCE OF ARAB SOLIDARITY", AND FOR ISRAEL, THE GOLAN HEIGHTS AND DAMASCUS.

4. STORY WARNS ABOUT "NOURISHING TOO MANY ILLUSIONS", CAUTIONING THAT "THE PEACE RUNS THE RISK OF BEING PRO-
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VISIONAL, LOCALIZED AND FRAGILE FOR A LONG TIME."

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5. ARTICLE NOTES THAT "M. BREZHNEV HAS PERMITTED
MR KISSINGER TO PLAY, ALL ALONE, THE ROLE OF MEDIATOR.
MOSCOW ACCEPTS, ONE COULD THINK, THE SPECTACULAR DIPLOMACY
OF THE AMERICANS IN EGYPT. THIS DOES NOT (HOWEVER)
SIGNIFY THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS PULLING AWAY FROM THE
ARAB WORLD OR DISINTERESTED IN THE MIDEAST."
THE USSR STILL HAS VANTAGE POINTS IN THE MIDEAST
FROM WHICH SHE CAN ASSURE THE "CONDITIONS OF THE PEACE"
ARE PROPERLY APPLIED.

6. COMMENT: STORY REPRESENTS ANOTHER IN SERIES OF PRO-
KISSINGER ARTICLES. RECENT US DIPLOMACY IN MIDEAST
CONFLICT HAS TO GREAT EXTENT NEUTRALIZED MUCH OF ANTI-
US PRESS COVERAGE OF THREE MONTHS AGO REGARDING MIDEAST
AND, LED BY PRESS PLACEMENT OF PIECES RELATING TO SEC
KISSINGER, HAS DONE MUCH TO BRING ZAIRIAN PUBLIC OPINION
AROUND TO GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF US
MIDEAST DIPLOMACY.
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